

God Needs His Leaders to Love Him

Malachi 1:1-2:9

I. The _____ of God for Israel (Malachi 1:1-6a)

1 The **burden**(_____) of the word of the LORD to Israel by **Malachi**.

A. God's Love is a _____ He made(Malachi 1:2)

2 **I have loved you**, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: **yet I loved Jacob**,

B. God's Love is explained by His _____(Malachi 1:3)

3 And I **hated**(_____) Esau, and **laid** his mountains and **his heritage waste** for the dragons of the wilderness.

C. The Lord will _____ for those He loves (Malachi 1:4)

4 Whereas Edom saith, **We are impoverished**(_____), but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, **They shall build, but I will throw down**; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

D. The _____ of the Lord shows His Love(Malachi 1:5)

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, **The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel**.

E. _____ Him(Malachi 1:6)

6a A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour?

II. The _____ are Rebuked for profanity(Malachi 1:6b-2:9)

A. The Religious Leaders are at odds with God(Malachi 1:6a)

6b and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, **O priests, that despise my name**. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

B. They offer polluted bread - Bad _____(Malachi 1:7)

7 Ye offer **polluted**(_____) bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is **contemptible**(_____).

C. You wouldn't do that for your _____ leaders(Malachi 1:8)

8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor(_____); will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

D. _____ God to make it right(Malachi 1:9)

9 And now, I pray(_____) you, beseech(make _____) by **begging**) God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: **will he regard(_____) your persons?** saith the LORD of hosts.

E. Your _____ is Not a sweet Savor(Malachi 1:10)

10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? **neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you,** saith the LORD of hosts, **neither will I accept an offering at your hand.**

E. God's _____(Malachi 1:11)

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same **my name shall be great among the Gentiles;** and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a **pure offering:** for **my name shall be great among the heathen,** saith the LORD of hosts.

F. God's table is _____(Malachi 1:12-13a)

12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, **what a weariness is it!** and ye have snuffed(to _____) at it, saith the LORD of hosts; **and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering:**

G. Should God accept _____(Malachi 1:13b-14)

13b should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

14 **But cursed be the deceiver(_____),** which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for **I am a great King,** saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

Malachi 2:1-9

H. It's a _____ Thing(Malachi 1:1-2)

1 And now, O ye priests, this commandment *is* for you.

2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them **already,** because ye do not lay *it* to heart.

I. I will corrupt your _____(Malachi 1:3-6)

3 Behold, I will **corrupt your seed**, and **spread dung upon your faces**, *even* the **dung of your solemn feasts**; and *one* shall take you away with it.

4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that **my covenant might be with Levi**, saith the LORD of hosts.

5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him *for* the fear wherewith **he feared me, and was afraid(_____)** before my name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did **turn many away from iniquity**.

J. What a Priest _____(Malachi 1:7)

1. Keep _____(Malachi 1:7a)

7a For the priest's lips should **keep knowledge**,

2. Seek the _____(Malachi 1:7b)

7b and they should **seek the law** at his mouth: for he *is* the **messenger** of the LORD of hosts.

K. Condemnation of the _____ Priests(Malachi 1:8-9)

1. They _____ out of the way(Malachi 1:8a)

8a But ye are **departed out of the way**;

2. The Caused many to _____(Malachi 1:8b)

8b ye have caused **many to stumble** at the law;

3. Corrupted the _____(Malachi 1:8c-9)

8c ye have **corrupted(_____)** the **covenant(_____)** of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 Therefore have I also made you **contemptible(_____)** and **base(_____)** before all the people, according as ye have **not kept my ways**, but have been **partial** in the law.